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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week

The State Board of Education is being asked to approve a resolution declaring October 19-23, 2009, as Michigan School Bus Safety Week.

The National School Bus Safety Week theme this year is: "Avoid Harm, Obey the Stop Arm." Each school day in Michigan, over 17,000 dedicated bus drivers supported by transportation directors, mechanics, aides, and secretaries provide safe transport to more than 850,000 Michigan students. The yellow school bus continues to be an icon of safe transportation staffed by drivers who take a personal interest in each student. School bus drivers are the first and last school employee students see each day. They help begin a productive school day with a smile, and deliver the students back to their parents at the end of the day. School bus drivers and transportation support staff are an important contributor to each school district's learning program.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week, October 19-23, 2009, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 27, 2009.

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WHEREAS, the State Board of Education recognizes that the importance of protecting the safety of Michigan's school children extends beyond the classroom walls and the building; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has great respect for the accomplishments of Michigan's school bus drivers, mechanics, supervisors, and all school transportation personnel in providing the safest transportation possible for children to and from school and home; and

WHEREAS, each day over 17,000 Michigan school bus drivers transport more than 850,000 students, traveling over 184 million miles annually; and

WHEREAS, coordinating the countless routes over so many miles, and supervising the dozens of students on each bus, requires an outstanding effort put forth by thousands of exemplary professionals who have devoted their careers to transporting children safely; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education continues to recognize and takes great pleasure in commending the men and women who accept and meet the challenge of school transportation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the week of October 19-23, 2009, be designated as Michigan School Bus Safety Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this week be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of the state's school buses; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Michigan drivers to become more aware of school bus safety regulations, and encourage all citizens to be alert and drive carefully near school buses.